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SUBJ: JIDDA-PORT SUDAN CABLE PROJECT

REF: JIDDA 4979

- 1. HERBERT H. SCHENCK, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OF UNDERSEAS CABLE ENGINEERS, INC. (UCE) TELEPHONED COMMERCE NOVEMBER 26. ACCORDING TO UCE'S LOCAL REP (SAUDI ELECTRONICS SYSTEMS, IRSHAID AL ABDULLAH BUILDING, KHAZAN STREET, RIYADH, P.O. BOX 991, TELEPHONE 22579) WHEN PORT SUDAN CABLE PROJECT TENDERS WERE OPENED NOVEMBER 5TH, U.K. FIRM CABLE AND WIRELESS LTD. WAS LOW BIDDER WITH UCE RUNNER-UP. SINCE, HOWEVER, U.K. FIRM'S BID WAS INCOMPLETE, SAUDI MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS HAS OPENED NEGOTIATIONS WITH UCE TO DO DESIGN ENGINEERING FOR PROJECT.
- 2. SCHENCK EXPRESSED THANKS FOR EMBASSY EFFORTS DESCRIBED REFTEL. ASKED THAT COMMERCIAL ATTACHE KEEP IN TOUCH WITH LOCAL REP BUT MAKE IT CLEAR THAT AT THIS TIME UCE NOT RPT NOT REQUESTING EMBASSY INTERVENTION WITH MINISTRY.

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3. STATE AND COMMERCE COMMEND EMBASSY EFFORTS IN SUPPORT

OF U.S. DESIGN ENGINEER AND REQUEST POST CONTINUE FOLLOW AND
REPORT ON THIS PROJECT AS IT MOVES TOWARD STAGE OF
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